

APPENDIX

3. (Amended) The method of claim [1] 23, wherein the dry cutting is performed by drilling, brushing, knurling, circular milling or combinations thereof.

4. (Amended) The method of claim [1] 23, wherein the tool comprises cubic boron nitride, polycrystalline diamond, a coated or uncoated hard metal or a ceramic.

10. (Amended) The method of claim [7] 23, wherein the tool is an indexing insert.

11. (Amended) The method of claim [7] 23, wherein the tool is fitted with a plurality of indexing inserts.